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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed March 24, 2006, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response which expired on June 24, 2006, and which has been extended one month to July 24, 2006, amend the abovecaptioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

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